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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 22 August 2006.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 6,439,835 to Chien et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant proposes to amend the claims to include further details of the step portion on the main plate in which the step portion is formed by linear portions to differentiate the invention from the prior art since the step portion of Chien is formed by curved portions. In addition, Applicant believes the linear step portion on each main plate forming a gap between adjacent main plates when stacking one on top of another while the main plates with curved step portions will not. However, the Examiner strongly believes that the curved step portion on the main plate of Chien's propeller also forms a gap between adjacent main plates when stacking one on top of another unless it can be convincingly proved otherwise. Finally, it is agreeable that there are enough structural differences between Figure 4 of the specification of the invention and Figure 4 of Chien to distinguish the instant invention from the prior art .